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In re Application of:

Roland SCHULE et al.

Examiner: J. Murphy

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Title: **USE OF SLIM3 FOR BINDING TO MOLECULES**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction mailed September 9, 2002, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Groups I, II, III, and IV, Applicant's hereby provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute Group I, namely claims 1-9 drawn to a method of identifying agents that regulate the transcriptional activating activity of human AR and SLIM3.

There would clearly be no excessive burden in searching the other methods as the invention is unitary. Applicants reserve the right to respectfully request rejoinder of the remaining claims.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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